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COUNTRY : Bulgaria

SUBJECT : Position of the Agrarians

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1. The Bulgarian Government, and in particular the Communist Party, is doing everything possible to eliminate the Opposition Agrarian Party leader, Nikola Petkov. The charge of war-profiteering levelled against him made no headway and at present the Communists are seeking to build a case against Petkov as the moral accomplice in the murder of one of the members of his party, who killed a militia officer in self-defense.

2. The Agrarian Party has formed a resolution to risk imprisonment and death for their country, if necessary. The Central Committee of the Agrarian Party has forbidden its members to relinquish the struggle by emigrating or escaping from Bulgaria.

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3. [redacted] more than 150 Agrarians escaped [redacted] in the last six months. Altogether there have been about 500 such escapes.

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